# By the King,

# A PROCLAMATION,

For Encouraging Mariners, Seamen and Landmen to Enter themſelves on Board His Majeſties Ships of War.

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WE being deſirous to give all due Encouragement to all ſuch able Seamen as have not been in Our Service the laſt Year, or being in the Service have been regularly Diſcharged therefrom, and alſo to able-bodied Landmen, who ſhall Voluntarily Enter themſelves in Our Service, and Remain on Board Our Ships of War in Our Royal Navy, Have thought fit, by and with the Advice of Our Privy Council, to Publiſh this Our Royal Proclamation: And We do hereby Promiſe and Declare, That all Seamen and able-bodied Landmen, who ſhall after the Date of this Our Royal Proclamation, and before the Fifteenth Day of March next, Voluntarily Enter themſelves and Remain on Board any of Our Ships of War, or Fire Ships, or on any Preſs-Veſſels or Tenders belonging to Our Fleet, ſhall Receive as Our Free Gift and Royal Bounty, the reſpective Allowances and Rewards following, (Viz.) Each able and ordinary Seaman Three Months Pay, and each able-bodied Landman One Months Pay, to be Paid to them before the Ships they are to Serve in ſhall go to Sea. And We do hereby Command and Require the ſaid Seamen and Landmen to Repair on Board the reſpective Ships on which they ſhall ſo Enter themſelves, and give their conſtant Attendance, for Fitting out to Sea ſuch Ships as each of them do belong unto. And We are alſo Graciouſly Pleaſed to Declare, That Conduct-Money, according to the Practice of the Navy, ſhall likewiſe be Allowed to ſuch Seamen and Landmen as ſhall Voluntarily Enter themſelves and Remain on Board any of Our ſaid Ships, according to the true Meaning of this Our Royal Proclamation. And for the Prevention of any Deceit and Abuſes that may happen by any Perſon or Perſons leaving the Ships to which they belong, and Entring him or themſelves on Board any other of Our ſaid Ships, as aforeſaid, in order to the Obtaining of the Bounty-Money herein before Granted, We do hereby likewiſe Direct, Declare and Command, That ſuch Seamen and Landmen belonging to any of Our Ships or Veſſels whatſoever, as ſhall Leave any of the Ships or Veſſels to which they belong, and Enter themſelves on Board any of Our Ships in order to the Obtaining of the ſaid Bounty-Money, ſhall not only loſe the Wages Due to them in the Ship which they ſhall ſo Leave, but alſo be ſeverely Puniſhed according to their Demerits.

Given at Our Court at *Kenſington* the One and twentieth Day of *January*, 169⅞. In the Eighth Year of Our Reign.

# God ſave the King.

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